

from the kitchen

By Joan Pinkham

Among other things, summer spells outdoor parties. Those first weeks of August were ideal for beach parties, picnics, barbecues and back yard pool parties. Steamy, hot days would never end it seemed and a rash of invitations went out just in advance of two weekends of foul weather. Many a garage was hurriedly swept, many a menu changed to accommodate a drop of 40 degrees in temperature. Typical New England weather we've had, that makes it seem like tempting fate to plan anything outdoors. Well, no matter what the weather, blueberries are always part of the summer scene. This cake of Martha Collins is made in a 10-inch tube pan, ample for a party, or you can do what Martha does, store half in the freezer until some stormy winter night when blueberries are scarce.

BLUEBERRY CAKE

2 c. sugar
2 eggs
3 c. flour
1 c. milk
½ c. shortening



½ tsp. salt
4 tsp. double acting baking powder
1 pt. blueberries

Cream sugar, shortening and eggs for 2 min. Add dry ingredients alternately with milk, saving ¼ c. flour to sprinkle on berries before adding. Sprinkle granulated sugar on top of batter before baking for 50 min. at 375 degrees.

Not one to sit around, James Sherwin has a busy retirement schedule, one which includes gardening and beach combing. He has been kind enough to share with us his recipe for Rose Hip Jam and, just about now, if you, too, like to walk the beaches, you'll find the wild roses fading and rose hips ripe for the picking. Chock full of vitamins, rose hips provide the makings of healthful, sumptuous jams or jellies (even wine) and other liquid forms of cordial and tea.

ROSE HIP JAM

6 c. ripe rose hips
1 orange
1 lemon
2 c. water
3 c. sugar

Scrape out seeds, using only rind of rose hips. Cut peel of orange and lemon in slivers. Add to water. Boil 5 min. Add sugar until dissolved. Add juice of lemon and orange and rose hips. Cover and simmer 15 min. Uncover and

cook until hips are clear and transparent and syrup is thick. Pour into hot, sterilized jars. Seal. Makes 4 half pint jars.

Several weeks ago we asked for your favorite summertime recipes and, thanks to all who responded, I now have recipes for cold soups (one for a pumpkin soup), quick breads, cucumber boats and scalloped scallops. Having them on file, is like money in the bank for me and in weeks to come, we'll print them, for surely more hot weather will be along. For now, here is Amy Gibson's easy summer treat called:

CHOCO-NUT ICE CREAM SHELLS

2 c. semi-sweet chocolate bits
¼ c. butter or margarine
¼ c. cream or canned milk
½ c. cocoa krispies cereal

Combine all but the cereal in top of double boiler and stir over hot water until melted and well mixed. Remove, add cereal and mix. Quickly press mixture around sides and bottom of muffin papers. Fill with ice cream.

Art Exhibit

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